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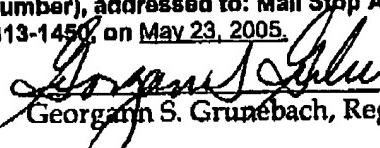
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Georgann S. Grunebach, Reg. No. 33,179  
May 23, 2005

Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Please find attached Re:

Inventor: David B. Donahue, et al.

Serial No.: 09/996,276

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF A BI-DIRECTIONAL IP  
COMMUNICATION DEVICE

- > **Amendment Transmittal**
- > **Response to PTO Office Action of 01/14/2005**

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**PATENT**

Docket No. PD-201124

CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: David B. Donahue, et al.  
Serial No. 09/996,276

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF A  
BI-DIRECTIONAL IP COMMUNICATION DEVICEDate: May 23, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 2155

Examiner: Nawaz, Asad M

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER WITH EXTENSION OF TIME**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 Applicant petitions for an extension of time for 2 (TWO) months to respond to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ 450.00

 An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 450.00

 Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. Additional fee for claims is required. The Claims have been calculated as shown below:

<u>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</u>					
<u>CLAIMS REMAINING</u>	<u>HIGHEST NUMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL</u>		
<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>		<u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	27 minus	20* =	7 x	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus	3* =	2 x	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			x	\$ 360.00	\$ -0-
<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</u>					
					\$ 750.00

Charge \$ 1,200.00 for a 2 Month Extension of Time, and Additional Claim Fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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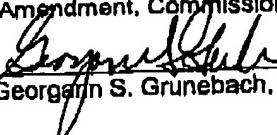
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 Group Art Unit: 2155  
 Confirmation No: 2346  
 Serial No: 09/996,276  
 Examiner: Nawaz, Asad M  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Additional fees in the amount of \$1,200.00 are believed necessary at this time. This amount includes \$750.00 for additional claims and \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time, which is hereby requested. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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02 FC:1202	350.00 DA
03 FC:1201	400.00 DA